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ABSTRACT

This manual forums on literary analysis and is intended for use by teachers using the Project Success Enrichment (PSE) program to teach language arts to gifted and typical elementary school students. The literary analysis unit provides teachers with lessons keyed to a number of the Newbery Award winners from 1926-1995, along with a literary analysis process that uses literary elements (theme, plot, characterization, setting, and climax) and the content of the book. An introduction explains the Newbery Award, provides a list of Newbery Award winners, and discusses Newbery literary analysis. Examples of literary analysis charts and definitions of literary elements along with student activity sheets for 21 of the Newbery Award winning books are provided. The activity sheets are designed to develop higher level thinking skills and begin with questions that focus children's thinking on knowledge and comprehension, then questions that have applications, and end with questions that encourage analysis, synthesis, and evaluation. The sheets can be duplicated as worksheets for children to use individually, in pairs, or small groups. Answer keys are provided for the first 11 books (1977-90). A list of recommended instructional materials for language arts curriculum that includes Newbery Award winners is provided. (CR)

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